

REMARKS

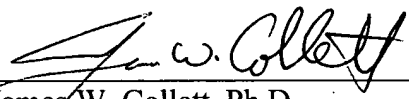
Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned application, Applicants respectfully requests entry of the amendments and the following remarks into the file history of the application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the requisite fees, or any fees in connection with this application during its entire pendency, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-1679.

Claims 1 through 101 are canceled herein without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter in the cancelled claims at a latter time or in another application. Claims 102 through 133 are pending. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the Specification as originally filed, including drawings and examples. No new matter has been added.

The new claims are not narrowing, and the doctrine of equivalents is fully applicable to all aspects of the new claims. Cancellation of claims 1-101, and the addition of new claims 102 - 133 is not for reasons relating to patentability or to any rejection. Accordingly, *Festo* has no applicability and the Doctrine of Equivalents is fully applicable to all new claims.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the foregoing amendments and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,

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